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Lincoln stepped here

We all know Illinois is the "Land of Lincoln" — it says so right there on our license plates, so it must be true. But how much do most of us know about Lincoln's connection with the state? Many of us have seen his house and his tomb, and we likely have a vague remembrance that he split rails and practiced law before going off to his destiny in Washington. But it is not for nothing that this state is called Lincoln's land; he lived here for more than 30 years —

well over half his life — and traveled thousands of miles within its boundaries as a soldier, lawyer, and candidate for public office. On the accompanying Illinois map are numbers marking 10 communities that were milestones in Lincoln's life. With the hints below to aid you, fill in the names of these towns. A score of 8 or better makes you something of an authority on matters Lincolnian; 5-7 qualifies you to declaim on Honest Abe for visitors from out

of state; and 4 or below suggests that you are a visitor from out of state. Answers on p. 33.

1. In their migration from southern Indiana, the Lincoln family in 1830 settled near the community that now bills itself as the "Soybean Capital of the World."

2. In 1831 the young Lincoln moved to this community, where he worked as a general-store clerk.

3. It was at this historic Illinois River town that Lincoln was elected captain of his company in the Black Hawk War in 1832. He returned to this community in 1858 to successfully defend a man charged with murder.

4. In 1834 Lincoln, newly elected a member of the state legislature, arrived in this community, then the state capital. The old statehouse here still stands.

5. In 1837 Lincoln moved to this city, which he would call home for the next quarter-century.

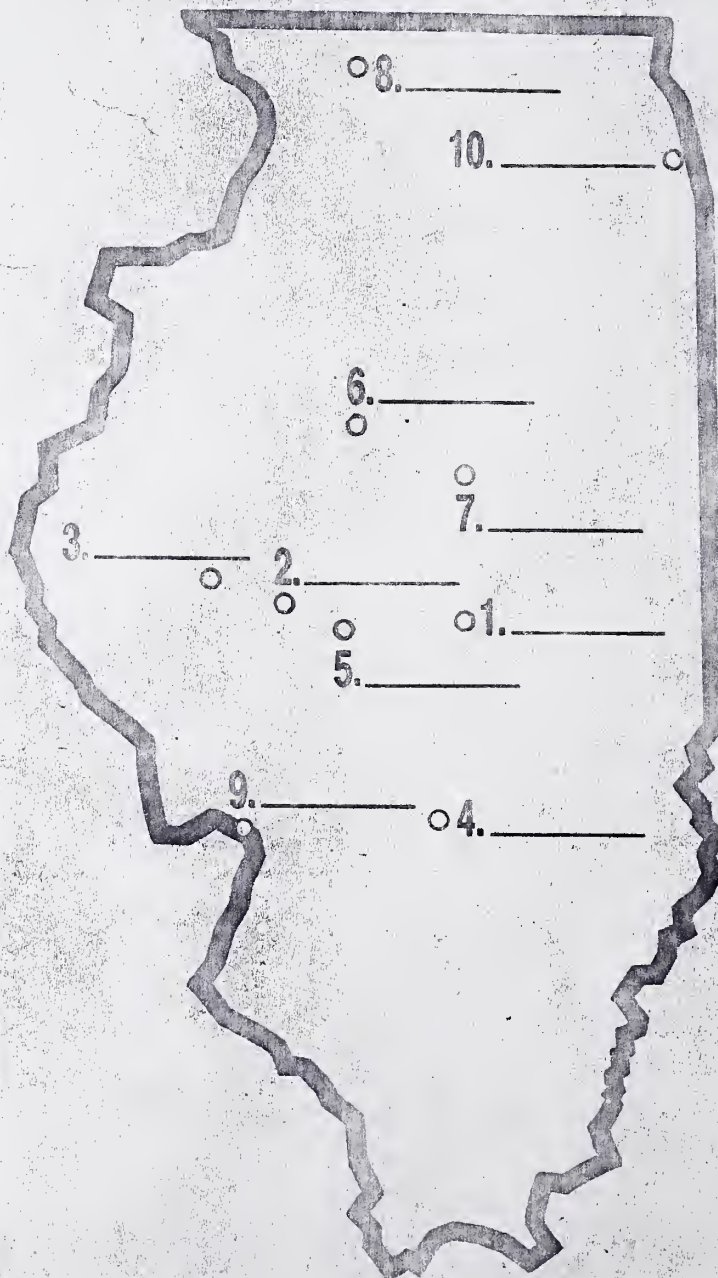
6. In this industrial town, now the state's third-largest city, Lincoln in 1854 assailed slavery in a speech that historians say marked the beginning of his national political career.

7. In his unwritten and only partially reported "lost speech" here in 1856, Lincoln said, "We say to our Southern brethren, 'We won't go out of the Union, and you shan't.'" This community today is a center of higher learning and an insurance headquarters.

8. The second Lincoln-Douglas debate was held in this far-northern Illinois county seat, Aug. 27, 1858.

9. This Mississippi River town was the site of the last of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, on Oct. 15, 1858. The city later housed a Civil War prison camp where more than 1,600 Confederate soldiers died.

10. It was here in 1860 that the Republican Party's national convention nominated Lincoln for the Presidency.





Answers to Know Your State quiz



*A photo of Lincoln at
Beardstown in 1853.*

1. Decatur
2. New Salem
3. Beardstown
4. Vandalia
5. Springfield
6. Peoria
7. Bloomington
8. Freeport
9. Alton
10. Chicago

(Quiz appears on p. 31)



Words for Abe

Celebrate our 16th President's 181st birthday anniversary by completing ten defined words that contain his nickname.

1. Innocents: ABE
2. ABC et al: ABE
3. Dealer in men's furnishings:
ABE
4. Temporary inactivity:
ABE
5. Daughter of Henry VIII or George VI: ABE
6. Big congregation's house of worship: ABE
7. American wintergreen's spicy red fruit: ABE
8. Cavalry sword: ABE
9. Aids a wrongdoer: ABE
10. Early Jewish victors over the Syrians: ABE

—Lorena Fletcher Farrell

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